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# Club Comment

BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE NEAL HOOK

A SIGNIFICANT move is about to be made because as from next month, Group Meetings are to be re-introduced by the Football League.

It's significant because it has to be seen as a blow for the little clubs — a positive step back towards the days when the League was a close-knit family of 92 clubs.

The background to the situation is that for many years, the League used to be split into six geographical regions and regular meetings were held to talk football and discuss our various problems.

In our opinion, they were invaluable — not least because it provided an opportunity to meet on equal terms with clubs competing in different divisions and make our feelings known.

It stands to reason that the problems of Arsenal and Aston Villa are different to those of Halifax and Hartlepool but the meetings were a way of bridging the gap.

Officials from the various clubs were able to get a better understanding of how others felt about various issues and work together for the good of each other.

As members of Group Four, we were linked with Forest, Derby, Mansfield, Ipswich, Scunthorpe, Peterborough, Cambridge, Luton, Leicester, Northampton, Chesterfield, Grimsby and Lincoln.

We worked well together — so well, in fact, that when the decision was taken to disband the groups some years ago as part of the re-organisation of the League, we continued to meet on an unofficial basis.

As a result of the re-organisation, Divisional Meetings were introduced to replace the Group Meetings and in my opinion, that helped to cause a rift throughout the League.

Clubs lost sight of the problems of others and inevitably, it meant that the gap between the big and small clubs grew progressively wider.

The Group Four members have been pressing for some time for a return to the old days and the fact that the League have now relented is a tribute to Peterborough secretary Arnold Blades.

Mr Blades, our Group secretary, has worked hard to get the Groups officially recognised again and I'm sure that Bill Fox, the new League President, has influenced the decision.

I can imagine that the measure has not gone down too well in the corridors of power and the top clubs will see it as a backward step.

With respect, though, they are already doing very nicely and we now have an opportunity to remind them that we are members of the same competition — and are entitled to make our views known.

Under the present set-up, it's very difficult to do that but if the League is to have any future in its present form, we must get back to the situation where we can accurately be described as the family of 92.

Maybe those days have gone forever but the re-introduction of Group Meetings is a step in the right direction . . . and we certainly welcome the move.



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# Warnock writes



## DAVID WILSON'S CASUALTY CORNER

**CHARLIE PALMER** — groin strain;

**PHIL TURNER** — reaction to previous back injury;

**MARK TELFORD** — calf strain.

All expected to be fit for today.

THE achievement of Bolton Wanderers in putting together a club record run of 20-odd games without defeat is an object lesson to all of us.

Consistency counts for so much in football but having finally seen their run ended at Rotherham recently, it's going to be fascinating to see how Phil Neal's men react.

As I'm sure it does with many of you, today's fixture revives memories for me of when we travelled to Burnham Park in April and established a 3-0 lead before half time.

But even allowing for the advantage of a strong breeze, Bolton showed a lot of character in fighting back to earn a 3-3 draw and no doubt they displayed the same qualities many times during their long unbeaten run.

Along the way, of course, they went to Wembley and won the Sherpa Van Trophy — no mean achievement — and have shown every indication this season that they intend to continue where they left off.

Although it's far easier said than done, we have to strive to emulate what they have achieved. To some extent, we did that during the second half of last season and as we proved in that period, once you get the momentum going, it takes some stopping.

I realise better than most that things haven't worked out as planned for us in the early weeks of the season but I'm convinced that the foundations are stronger than at any time since I arrived at Meadow Lane.

It's immensely satisfying to see the youth team performing to such high standards and the Reserves are more than holding their own in Division One of the Pointings League.

In fact, everything is right except the results of the first-team. But at the end of the day, of course, they are what matter above all else.

The result of Saturday's game against Rotherham is not known at the time of writing but hopefully it was a good one... and we can look to build on it in tonight's attractive-looking fixture.

After tonight, we will have played two of the leading clubs in the space of four days and will have a good idea about exactly what we are up against in Third Division this season.

As I've already said many times, I don't believe there are any teams we have cause to fear and I'm looking for us to underline that claim with a good display against Bolton.

We need to string together a run of good results and performances to take away the element of fear that has been affecting some players.

They are desperate to please and show you what they can do and a couple of good results would make such a difference. A boost of confidence would give them the chance to settle down and play their own game — and hopefully tonight's match will prove to be a significant step in that direction.

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We were faced with the sort of problem we could well do without as the Police notified us that there had been a break-in at Meadow Lane. A window in the Guest Room was broken, stock stolen and a major cleaning-up operation was required.

Neil Warnock approached Bradford City about the possibility of Gary Chapman joining us on a month's loan. Terry Yorath was agreeable but asked for the deal to be delayed so that Chapman could play for the Reserves in a Pontins League match at Manchester City the following evening.

Scott Machin joined Matlock Town for an indefinite period on loan and the Reserves took on Blackburn Rovers at Meadow Lane. The match attracted a crowd of 874 people and they saw Phil Stant and trialist goalkeeper Matthew Whitehead help us maintain our 100 per cent record in the Pontins League with a 4-2 success.

With a trip to Chester just 48 hours away, the first team players — except for Steve Cherry — were banned from playing in the Lifeline Golf Competition at Mapperley GC. But it didn't prevent the players from figuring among the prizes as Nicky Law emerged as individual champion and joined forces with Scott Machin and Matthew Whitehead in the winning team.

Neil Warnock and Neal Hook returned to the ground in mid-afternoon to meet Gary Chapman and complete the formalities so that he was registered in time to make his debut at Chester.

Chapman trained with his new colleagues for the first time and the only doubt as we prepared for the trip to Sealand Road was Phil Robinson, who was suffering from a hamstring injury.

Robinson was passed fit and with Chapman making his debut and Gary Lund recalled to the starting line-up, we had a new-look attack on parade at Chester. But despite scoring three goals and appearing at one stage to be coasting to victory, we eventually had to settle for a point before a crowd of 2,383 — the largest of the season at Sealand Road.

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The youngsters go marching on and extended their unbeaten run to five matches in the Purity Youth League with a convincing 5-1 success against Walsall at Aston University.

The players reported for training at Meadow Lane and the manager led an inquiry into the events of Friday evening with particular emphasis on the way in which three goals were conceded.

Charlie Palmer and Phil Turner were under treatment for hamstring and back injuries respectively but there was no suggestion at that stage that they would not be fit enough to face Rotherham on Saturday.

In the evening, the youngsters launched their bid for success in the Midland Youth Cup and cleared the first hurdle impressively with a 3-1 win against West Brom at Meadow Lane.



Phil Robinson



Scott Machin

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## 5 YEARS

FIVE YEARS AGO: 1984-85

After three successive defeats, and with only one win in seven matches, Notts were desperate for Second Division points when they went to Shrewsbury on 29th September. But The Gay Meadow has never proved a happy hunting ground for the Magpies, and a 4-2 defeat underlined the point and deepened the gloom. Shrewsbury were two ahead at half-time and eventually ran out 4-2 winners, both Notts goals coming from Rachid Harkouk. The side as a whole had assembled the meagre total of seven goals in eight matches and Harkouk had claimed four of them. This latest defeat dumped Notts next to the bottom of the table, hoping for a change of fortune as the October programme loomed.



## 10 YEARS

TEN YEARS AGO: 1979-80

Mick Leonard having kept clean sheets on his first two club appearances, goalless draws with Luton and Swansea, it was off to Wrexham on 29th September. After a goalless first half, Wrexham claimed the winning goal in the second half, scored — by one of those ironic touches which occur in football — by former Magpie Mick Vinter. The defeat took Notts from third to seventh in the table. After scoring three goals in the first match of the season, beating Cardiff City 4-1, Notts had managed only three goals in seven outings and in four successive games had now drawn a blank. A clear need to step up the goals output in October...



## 30 YEARS

THIRTY YEARS AGO: 1959-60

Notts averaged a point a game from the season's first eight fixtures, a record which had to be improved to justify the talk of promotion from the Fourth Division.

Two successive wins in mid-September were a good foundation. First, at Meadow Lane, Notts beat Exeter 3-0, their fourth home win in a row, a nice little run. Bob Forrest, following his hat-trick in the previous game, banged the first goal and Roy Horobin added another before half-time. When Ron Roby added a third in the second half it was County's 13th goal in those four home matches, relished by a crowd of just under 12,000. The following Monday, Notts went to Hartlepool United and won 4-2. Forrest and Roby were again on the scoresheet and Stan Newsham claimed two more. Unfortunately, September ended on a low note as Notts lost 4-2 at Watford, the goals coming from Forrest (six in four games) and Gerry Carver, with Bert Lowley now at centre half, in place of Ken Rawson, for the first time in the campaign.









# Down the

WE were badly let down at the Reading match when, despite repeated warnings, a group of people caused problems on the County Road side of the ground.

As we have pointed out several times this season, the Police had asked us to re-erect the dividing fence at the Kop End because they had run out of patience with a group of people who persisted in "baiting" visiting fans.

We asked them to delay the decision so that we had chance to appeal to those concerned to mend their ways and the Police agreed to do so for a 10-match trial period.

Although there were no problems whatsoever at the first two matches, there was a movement of people along the Coventry Road terracing during the second half of the Reading game.

There's nothing wrong with changing position, of course, but the Police informed us that they felt it necessary to remove two people from the ground.

Neither was charged. They were released after a warning but the incident has clearly done our cause no good and we have told the Police that we will fully support any actions they feel are necessary.

Notts County have always had an outstanding record for crowd behaviour and we are determined that trouble-makers will be identified and banned from attending matches at Meadow Lane.

Incidentally, we have received many letters of support from people who stand on County Road and we assure you that we will not allow the matter to rest.

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CHRIS WITHE took the opportunity to meet up with his former colleagues at Sealand Road last week and it was good to hear that he's enjoying life with Bury.

Last year's "Player of the Year" thought he had found himself a new role in life when Bury boss Sam Ellis gave him a run of matches on the left-side of midfield.

But he's now back in his familiar left-back spot — and reckons it might not be too long before he has former Meadow Lane team-mate Paul Atkin figuring alongside him.

He explained: "Paul has been injured for the past few weeks but was involved in some of the pre-season matches and did really well. He seems to have settled in nicely at Gigg Lane and I won't be surprised if he breaks through into the first-team during the course of this season."

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WE should like to thank all those who have supported the Notts County Raffle . . . including a couple of Reading supporters!

A book of tickets was placed in each match programme on September 9, in the hope that some supporters would

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And we were pleasantly surprised to find that among those who returned their book with all tickets sold was Mr O. Stedman from Whitley Wood in Reading.

He wrote: "Just a few lines to let you know that I am very pleased to donate to your cause.

"I would also like to thank all stewards and Police at the game against Reading for the polite and helpful treatment which Reading supporters received. All the best with your raffle."

It's not too late to purchase a ticket because the draw for the raffle will take place on October 14, when Tranmere Rovers are the visitors to Meadow Lane.

Some lucky person will win a fortnight in The States - three nights in San Francisco, seven in Honoulu and four in Hollywood - and among the other prizes is a week's holiday in Rhodes.

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PLEASE note that our Pontins League match against Leeds United Reserves at Meadow Lane has been put back by 24 hours to Wednesday October 4.

We have agreed to the switch at the request of Leeds because Howard Wilkinson's team are involved in a Littlewoods Cup tie the previous evening.

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We were sad to discover that the legendary Tommy Lawton was recently taken to hospital, suffering from a broken hip, and no doubt you would all like to join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

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A LITTLE piece of history will be made at Meadow Lane on Thursday when Nottinghamshire play Greater Manchester in the semi-final of the English Schools Under-16 Championships.

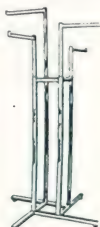
It's the first time that a team of Notts youngsters have reached this stage of the competition . . . and they can do with the your support to help them through to the final.

The match kicks off at 7pm with admission priced £1 for adults and 50p for children.

**AA Recommended Route to:- SWANSEA -- Sat. 30th Sept.**  
Take the A453 to go over the M1 and pass the East Midlands Airport. Travel through Breedon-on-the-Hill to join up with the new A42 and by-pass Ashby and Measham. The A42 will link direct with the M42. Travel along with M42 and at junction 1 on the M42 join the M5. Travel south on the M5 to Junction 8 and onto the M50 signposted South Wales. Travel to the M50 terminal roundabout and take the first exit A449, signposted Monmouth A40, follow the A40 follow signs for Raglan. At the junction with the A449, signposted Newport, follow the A449 to the junction of the M4, join the M4 signposted Cardiff. At the motorway terminal take the second exit, A48, at the junction of the A48 and A474 take the second exit to the junction with the A483 and take 1st exit signposted Swansea and in about 1½ miles enter Swansea by Fabian Way. At the end of Fabian Way turn left into Quarry Parade, follow the coast road along and you will see Swansea's ground on the right at the rear of the prison.

#### AA Recommended Route to:- WALSALL Saturday 7th October

Take the A52 Derby. Before entering Derby take the ring road A5111 (signposted to Ashbourne A52) follow signposts to A38 Burton on Trent. Travel along A38 and at the junction with the A5/A5127 take the third exit signposted Brownhills. At the "Muckley Corner Hotel" roundabout take 1st exit A461 signposted Walsall. In approximately 2 miles take the 3rd exit at the next roundabout and in ½ of a mile take the first exit at roundabout onto the ring road the A4148. Travel the full length of the ring road (approx. 4 miles) to its junction with the A461 at Bescot. You will pass Walsall F.C. on the right just before the junction.



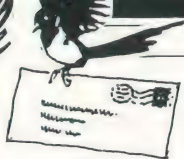
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Dear Notts County,

Please find enclosed £5 and counterfoils for the raffle tickets I received in your programme last week. I was delighted to help by selling these tickets because of the courteous way we were treated at your ground by stewards and police. I would like to congratulate you on your organisation for away supporters.

Paul Simmons,  
Highfield Way, Reading, Berks.

**Editors Note:** Thank you for your comments Mr Simmons, in fact it was very refreshing that we received sold counterfoils from several Reading supporters — well done!

Dear Sir,

*The season has just started and we are already being written off as promotion candidates in some quarters. Those of us who were at Chester know different, we should have won by 4 or 5 goals — yes we were that good — no-one can legislate for individual errors. This season to me has a bright start — great new kit — new players — new toilets on County Road — new paint everywhere — grass green — everywhere tidy — a credit to the staff.*

*I will not even let the mindless few on County Road who swear and chant racial abuse upset me because I know the Police will deal with them and when those 'weeds' are gone I am sure we will see the 'roses' back on and off the field.*

Paul Ivory,  
Aslockton.

Dear Friends,

We would like to record our thanks to all Season Ticket Holders, Lifeline members, Supporters Club members and friends who have supported our Holiday Raffle Draw during the summer months.

The purpose of the new draw was to raise funds to enable Neil Warnock to set up a broader scouting system so that he could expand the Club's excellent youth scouting scheme and spot potential through non-leagues as well as the Football League.

At the time of writing we have raised nearly £5,000 to the fund which has been a tremendous effort on your behalf and it would be magnificent if we could accumulate £10,000 before the draw which will take place at the half-time interval during the match at Meadow Lane between Notts County and Tranmere Rovers on Saturday, October 14th.

Anyone who is still in possession of the Holiday Draw Raffle tickets are asked to return all monies and counterfoils to County **NO LATER** than Saturday, October 7th to enable the tickets to enter the draw.

Thankyou

Yours in Sport,  
Notts County Football Club.

Dear Maggie Mail,

As a person who reads the match programme front to back I would like to ask if all the letters printed on this page are real?, most are very interesting, some quite boring (like this one) but are they real (also like this boring one)?

David Brookbanks,  
East Bridgford.

P S I'm only writing this to get my name in the programme!

**Editor's Note:** Indeed Mr Brookbanks all letters are "real" although not all are written direct to this page, some are written to people at the Club and we ask their permission to include them in the programme.

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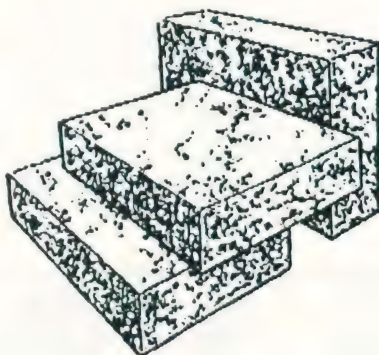
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# Introducing our

## In Charge...



*PHIL NEAL won just about every domestic honour in the game with Liverpool before moving into management with Bolton in December 1985.*

*And although Neal, who also won 50 England caps, had an unhappy experience*

*in his first full season at Burnden Park — Bolton slipped into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history — it wasn't long before he was adding to his impressive list of honours.*

*He led them back to Division Three at the first attempt and apart from re-establishing themselves at that level with a club record unbeaten run last season, they also lifted the Sherpa Van Trophy after beating Torquay at Wembley in May.*

*Neal, a stylish defender, began his career with Northampton Town before switching to Anfield, where he made more than 450 appearances.*

ALL good things must come to an end but Bolton Wanderers won't have enjoyed the experience last week when they tested defeat for the first time since early March.

The 1-0 reverse at Rotherham halted their club record run of more than 20 unbeaten matches and clearly, Phil Neal is doing his best to put the Liverpool theories into practise at Burnden Park.

You cannot spend the number of years that Neal did at Anfield without picking up some knowledge which will serve you well and having taught his Bolton players the value of consistency, they will now be looking for success.

They've already had a taste of that, of course, because they went to Wembley to collect the Sherpa Van Trophy last season but the immediate target is to work their way back into the Second Division.

Despite the setback at Rotherham, Neal will be satisfied enough so far. No doubt the manager would have like to see them grab a few more goals but the fact that they only conceded two in the first five League games tell its own story.

It represents a tough challenge for us tonight but at least we can take heart from last year's statistics which saw us win 2-0 at Meadow Lane before figuring in a remarkable 3-3 draw at Burnden Park in April.

Gary Lund and Nicky Law were the men on target in the home fixture and in the return, Adrian Thorpe, Phil Turner and a Dean Crombie own goal gave us a 3-0 half time lead — only for Wanderers to hit back through John Thomas, Steve Thompson and Trevor Morgan.

Here's a run down of the players we expect to be facing tonight:

**KEVIN ROSE** — The 28-year-old goalkeeper, signed from Hereford United in a £20,000 deal during the close-season, began his career with non-league Ledbury Town before joining Lincoln.

**PHIL BROWN** — A 30-year-old full-back, he joined Bolton from Halifax in a £17,000 deal in June 1988 and along with goalkeeper Dave Felgate, was an ever-present in the League last term.

**BARRY COWDRILL** — Got his first taste of League football with West Brom and spent eight seasons at the Hawthorns — making over 100 League appearances — before joining Bolton in July 1988.

**BOBBIE SAVAGE** — He began his career with Liverpool but made his League debut while on loan with Wrexham. After spells with Stoke, Bournemouth and Bradford, he joined Bolton in September 1987 for £35,000.

**DEAN CROMBIE** — The former Lincoln and Grimsby defender chose the perfect stage — Wembley — to score his first goal for the club in last season's Sherpa Van Trophy final!

**MARK WINSTANLEY** — A product of Bolton's youth policy, he missed only two matches last season and his consistent performances were rewarded with the club's "Player of the Year" title.

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## BOLTON WANDERERS



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*Left to Right — Back Row: Dean Crombie, Mark Came, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill.  
Middle Row: Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson,  
Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (Physio).  
Front Row: Ian Stevens, Neil Fisher, Paul Hughes, Nicky Brookman, Mick Brown (First Team Coach), Phil Neal (Manager),  
Dave Roberts, Jeff Chandler, Robbie Savage, Nicky Spooner.*

**JULIAN DARBY** — Currently the only locally-born player in the first-team squad at Burnden Park, he scored Bolton's opening goal in the Sherpa Van Trophy Final last season.

**STEVE THOMPSON** — The club's longest serving player, he made his debut in November 1982 and has since made more than 250 League appearances in three divisions. Missed only three matches last term.

**MIKE JEFFREY** — After producing several fine displays in the reserves, the young striker signed professional forms while still a YTS trainee. He made his League debut last March.

**STUART STORER** — No stranger to the East Midlands after starting his career with Mansfield before moving on to Birmingham and Everton. After a loan spell with Wigan, the 22-year-old midfielder signed for Bolton in January 1988.

**GARY HENSHAW** — The 24-year-old Leeds-born midfielder is now in this third season with Bolton after joining them from Grimsby — where he made 50 League appearances.

**TONY PHILLISKIRK** — A summer-signing from Preston, he had a dream start to his career with Bolton — scoring on his League debut in the 2-0 win at Cardiff on the opening day of the season.

**DANGER  
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**DAVE REEVES** tested life at the top level during his time with Sheffield Wednesday — and now he's looking to work his way back to the First Division with Bolton Wanderers.

The 21-year-old striker scored twice in 17 appearances — nine as a substitute — for Wednesday last season before moving on to Burnham Park during the summer.

Wednesday rated him highly. They valued him at £250,000 but following a Football League tribunal, Phil Neal secured his services for a bargain £80,000.

It didn't take him long to adjust to life in the Third Division because he scored the only goal in Bolton's win over Bristol Rovers and was on target again in the second leg of their Littlewoods Cup tie with Rochdale.

# Programme Collectors

## CORNER

**NOTTS COUNTY v BOLTON WANDERERS  
MILK CUP 3RD ROUND, 30 OCTOBER 1984**

The programme for this match was of an unusual size (6 1/2" x 9 1/2") which has only been used for one season by Notts County. It contained 24 pages and cost 50 pence. It was designed and produced by Armstrong-Holmes Associates of Nottingham.

The editorial welcomed Steve Burke who was on a month's loan from Queens Park Rangers but mainly concentrated on welcoming, for the third time, Jimmy Sirrel to the Managers post. Jimmy Sirrel had taken the job, after the dismissal of Larry Lloyd, for the third time. It was also announced that Jimmy Sirrel and Neal Hook had been appointed Directors of the Club.

On the Junior Magpies page the "Junior Magpies Terracing Fund" was the main talking point with the laugh of a new 'Stopwatch Competition' being announced. Sponsors were also being sought for the temporary terracing in the Juniors section of the ground at the Meadow Lane.

On the reverse page was a match report of our 4-0 win over Manchester City, the scorers David Hunt, Justin Fashano and Rachid Harkouk (2). Also in the Reserve side were Mick Leonard, Pedro Richards, John Sims, Martin O'Neil and Ian McParland!

The player featured in the Player Profile for this match was our summer signing Keith Downing who had joined the Magpies from Mile Oak Rovers.

The following pen pictures appeared in the programme, can you name the players — answers below:

1. ??? signed from Hyde United — converted from winger to central striker and is currently the Club's top scorer. Notched a hat-trick against Preston North End.

2. ??? Eire International, signed from Leeds United in 1981 for £40,000 and has repaid that fee with goals.

**Match Details:** Notts County (6) 6 v Bolton Wanderers (0) 1.

**Scorers Notts** — Rachid Harkouk (15) (16) (21), Steve Sims (17), Pedro Richards (22), Alan Young (32).

**Bolton** — Wayne Foster (76).

**Teams** — **Notts:** Mick Leonard, Simeon Hodson, Tristan Benjamin, John Sims (Mark Goodwin), David Hunt, Martin O'Neill, Ian McParland, Rachid Harkouk, Alan Young, Steve Burke.

**Bolton:** Simon Farnworth, Brian Borrows, Jim Phillips, Warren Joyce, Gerry McElhinney, Mark Game, Steve Thompson, Jeff Chandler, George Oghani, Wayne Foster, Graham Bell. Sub: Ray Deakin (n/u).

Answers: 1. George Oghani. 2. Jeff Chandler.



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# Commercial NEWS

BY FIONA GREEN

THE KIT'S IN! I'll bet some of you have been waiting to here those 'three little words' for some time — well, I don't say them often, but when I do I mean it! Matchwinner, our kit suppliers, have done us proud and managed to get the replica home shirts to us already and no doubt some of you will now be wearing them. Football Clubs have always been plagued by the problem of getting the replica kits into the souvenir shops before the season starts — in fact, sometimes we're lucky to get them in before Christmas — but thanks to Matchwinner you can now buy them priced at £15.99 and £19.99 depending on the size — and very smart they look too! (The shorts, socks and tracksuits will follow very shortly).

As you are probably aware by now, we in the Commercial Department are constantly thinking up new ways to try and earn money to help the Club through advertising in our many publications, various forms of sponsorship, social functions etc., well we've now come up with an idea that we are sure will appeal to either the individual supporter or a whole group of you. If you like the

idea of having your name appearing in every single match day programme, then you'll be interested in taking part in "A POUND A POINT". The idea is you sponsor us £1 for every home and away point we earn this season and your name (or group of names) will be on the 'Pound a Point' page every week and you can either donate the money at the end of the season when we have the total or come into the office after each game to hand-over — hopefully — your £3! (of course it may be £1 or it may be nothing but we hope not!) If any of you are interested in joining this sponsorship scheme, please contact myself or Angela on Nottingham 861155 — we'll be expecting your call!

Finally, now the replica kits are here, where are all you budding footballers who fancy the idea of leading the team out and doing a warm-up with them at one of our home matches? We still have some dates available for match mascots so if you would like to know more, for yourself or son, daughter, nephew etc. again, contact myself or Angela here in the Commercial Department. (They make excellent birthday presents!)

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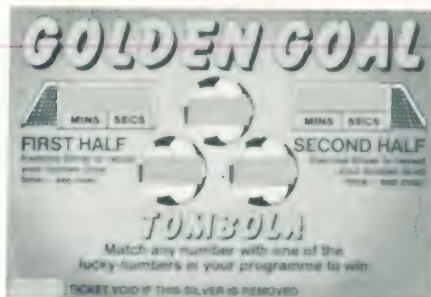
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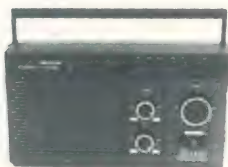
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# From the Dressing Room

BY PHIL STANT

AS someone who was born in Bolton and has been a keen Wanderers fan since my father first took me to Burnden Park in the early '70s, tonight's match will be a bit special for me.

I used to follow them home and away in the days of Frank Worthington (my idol), Sam Allardyce and Seamus McDonagh and what a day it was when we went to Blackburn to clinch promotion to the First Division.

Although I joined the Army straight from school, I always dreamed of playing for the Wanderers and when I was home on leave in 1983, I persuaded Charlie Wright, who was manager at the time, to give me a trial.

I played in an 'A' team game and thought I had done well. But they told me afterwards that they were well-off for strikers... and that was the end of that.

Even so, Bolton's result is still the first I look for every Saturday and despite the fact that we lost to a late goal, it gave me a tremendous thrill when I played there for Hereford a couple of years ago.

Incidentally, that was the first time I had been on the pitch since I was chased across it by a group of Wolves fans many years earlier!

Obviously there won't be any room for sentiment once tonight's game gets underway but I'm looking forward to meeting up with some good friends after the final whistle.

My brother-in-law Steve will probably be at the game (behave yourself and I'll see you in the bar afterwards) and I'm hoping that Kevin Rose retains his place in the Bolton goal.

We were colleagues together in Hereford last season and "The Bear", as we called him, will be pleased to know I no longer take the penalties. I used to practise taking them against him — and never missed!

Talking of penalties, it was the worst moment of my career when I missed from the spot against Reading and I still feel bad about it. I let everyone down and can only apologise.

As I've since told the lads, they should have stuck a big picture of my wife in the back of the net. That would have guaranteed us a goal — no problem!

As the boss has consistently said, we are our own worst enemies at the moment but we are not short of ability and I'm sure it's only a matter of time before we sort things out.

From my point of view, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the friendly welcome I've had since arriving at Meadow Lane during the summer although I'm bound to ask: Who's the joker who recently put up the sign at The Kop End?

I'm talking about the one which says: "Join the Professionals... and see the world". I honestly won't be trying to but no doubt I'll hit it a few times in the weeks ahead.

Other news from the dressing room is that Phil Robinson has rejected offers from a razor company to shave off his sideboards because he claims they're not offering enough.

Also, the lads are trying to negotiate a deal to get a sponsored car for Craig Short. I'd better not mention the current make but it's really embarrassing when he turns up for training in an upside-down pram!



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### REFEREE

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*Mr. Mills is employed as a Senior Insurance Inspector. He is married with one son Richard who is 13 years old. He is the President of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen for this season. His other interests are cricket and all sports.*

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**The Date:- Tuesday, October 24th**

**The Place:- The Meadow Club**

There is a reserve team fixture that night which will now kick-off at 7.00 p.m. with the Lifeline function starting at 8.30 p.m. with disco.

The draw itself will take place at 9.45 p.m. followed by star cabaret.

There will be time for dancing after cabaret. Tickets will be required in advance and are available now from the Lifeline Office. The tickets are free and initially they will be restricted to Lifeline members only.

Should the maximum numbers not be taken by Lifeline members, then we will inform you nearer the time through this programme so that you may purchase a guest ticket.

### OPEN DAY

At the Open Day on Sunday, 3rd September, some of the raffle prizes remained unclaimed. The winning numbers are: Yellow tickets serial

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Prizes should be claimed from the Commercial Office.

### NEW LIFELINE YEAR

The new Lifeline year starts on Saturday October 21st. There will be no need to make any amendments as your number will automatically go into the draws for the new year. The new prize structure will be announced on the Gala Night.

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# Reserves Report

HOLIDAY CLUB

# PONTIN'S

LEAGUE

By Wayne Jones.

THE Reserves will be hunting for more points when we go to Oldham tomorrow . . . and it will be an interesting new experience for some of the players.

Depending on the strength of the team we turn out, it's likely that many of them will never have played on an artificial pitch before so it will be fascinating to see how they cope.

Talking of new experiences, a number of our youngsters were making their first-ever appearance at Meadow Lane in a competitive match in last week's Midland Youth Cup tie against West Brom.

And although they eventually emerged with a comfortable enough 3-1 win, the lack of "big match" experience was reflected to some extent in the performance because it was possibly the worst of the season so far.

We got the boost of an early goal when Mark Telford, making his comeback after injury, scored direct from a free kick but through sheer enthusiasm and the desire to please the crowd, we were not disciplined as we would have liked.

West Brom equalised shortly before half time and the lads were told during the interval that they must slow it down and play the sort of controlled football which has been a feature of our impressive start to the season.

It had the desired effect and after John Brough restored our lead within five minutes of the restart, we were generally in charge throughout the second period.

Even so, there was always an element of doubt until Mark Wells snatched the third goal in the final stages but at the end of the day, the youngsters will have benefitted considerably from the experience.

The team on duty against West Brom was: Hearn, Barrow, Thompson, Wells, Cox, Walker, Harmon, Finch, Brough, Telford, Slawson. Subs: Johnson, Crossland.

Although it's always nice for the Reserves and youth team to win, the priority is for the players to learn their trade and the youngsters added to their education last week — just as they will at Oldham tomorrow.

They will be better equipped to handle the cup tie atmosphere the next time they face it and although our second round opponents in the Midland Youth Cup have not been decided at the time of writing, we will be away to either Birmingham City or Walsall.

## FIXTURES

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Aug 24	BRADFORD CITY	H	2-1
Sept 6	Hull City	A	3-2
Sept 12	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	4-2
Sept 20	Coventry City	A	
Sept 27	Oldham Athletic	A	
Oct 3	LEEDS UNITED	H	
Oct 10	Manchester City	A	
Oct 18	ASTON VILLA	H	
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Jan 31	Blackburn Rovers	A	
Feb 7	Huddersfield Town	A	
Feb 14	MANCHESTER UTD	H	
Feb 20	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	
Feb 28	Leeds United	A	
Mar 7	MANCHESTER CITY	H	
Mar 12	Aston Villa	A	
Mar 21	Sheffield United	A	
Mar 27	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H	
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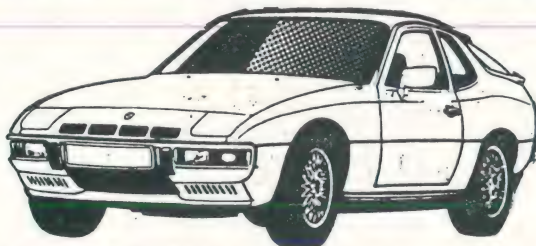
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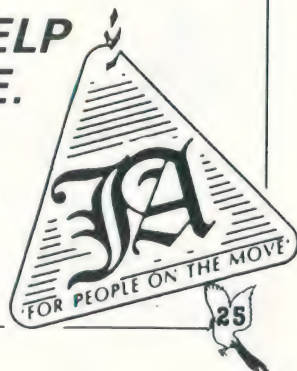
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## WALSALL

Reg Killick will be taking a coach, for his regular travellers, to Walsall on 7th October. He is not sure as yet whether there will be any 'junior' games for boys in the morning or not but we have been invited to take along a GIRLS 5-a-side team!

So if any girls between the ages of 11 - 15 years would like to take part do contact me as soon as possible. Other, regular, travellers are asked to contact Reg in the normal way. The cost will be approximately £3.50 which includes travel and a standing ticket for the game.

## LAUNCH NIGHT PARTY

I hope that everyone who came along to the Launch Night Party, had a great time.

I'm sure that the kids enjoyed the 60's sounds of the 'Mocking Birds'

as much as their Mums and Dads did. Thanks to Phil Turner, Dean Yates, Tommy Johnson and Mark Draper for coming along and signing autographs and also a big 'thank you' to Brake Brothers for supplying a bangers and mash supper for everyone.

## PRIZE SPONSORS

Tonight we thank Moorgreen Colts Football Club for very kindly sponsoring the Family Magpies prizes. They have also brought along nine young players to be our ball boys.



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# Supporters' Club



I had an interesting conversation with a friend of mine last week regarding the role of a Supporters Club.

My friend, a rather militant northerner, was questioning why the Supporters Club didn't adopt a more aggressive attitude towards campaigning on supporters' issues.

He felt that the Supporters Club should be looking for issues on which to challenge the Football Club and demand improvements on behalf of the true fans.

This point of view caused me to think about the way the Supporters Club operates and assess the alternative approaches.

Firstly, I asked myself the question "What does the word 'support' actually mean." According to the dictionary it means to help, assist or sustain.

In this context I interpret that to mean to encourage fans to give vocal support to the management and players, to provide practical help through fundraising activities and to organise social events to enable supporters to meet together and to meet and mingle with the players and staff. All of this is geared to developing a good rapport and mutual respect between supporters and the Board, management and players of Notts County F.C.

In this regard I believe that the Supporters Club, by adopting this policy over many years has been particularly successful when compared with other supporters organisations throughout the Country.

The alternative approach, which centre around making demands upon the Football Club generally results in an atmosphere of conflict and confrontation.

I know from experience, through involvement in the National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs, that many Supporters Clubs have taken this route only to find that they were disowned by

their Football Club and therefore ceased to have any influence at all.

I happen to believe that a good relationship between Supporters Club and Football Club is the best way to ensure that a regular dialogue is maintained and thus ensure that supporters interests are protected.

Rest assured that the absence of conflict does not mean that supporters' interests are not paramount in the minds of the Supporters Club Committee.

In fact, only this week, I will be attending, along with Vice Chairman Terry Brown, a meeting with the County Council Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee to discuss the implications of the Taylor Report.

Undoubtedly, some of the issues raised in the report will require discussion with the Football Club but that doesn't necessarily imply disagreement or conflict.

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# *It's only my opinion...*

BY PAUL BARNES

**FORECAST YOUR 1-2-3 IN THE THIRD DIVISION (NOT INCLUDING NOTTS COUNTY):**

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**WHICH TEAM DO YOU EXPECT TO MAKE MOST IMPROVEMENT:**

Leicester City. I've always been a fan of my home-town club and I wish they would start winning a few games to stop the lads from giving me "stick".

**THE BEST STADIUM YOU HAVE PLAYED AT:** Roker Park — the atmosphere when we went there a couple of years ago and drew 1-1 in a promotion battle was a new experience for me.

**PICK A TEAM FROM PLAYERS YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH AT CLUB LEVEL:**

Mick Leonard, Tristan Benjamin, Chris Withe, David Hunt, Steve Sims, Dean Yates, John Chiedozie, Iain McCulloch, Ian McParland, Mark Goodwin, Adrian Thorpe.

**YOUR TIP FOR THE TOP:**

Craig Finch . . . he's made tremendous strides in the past 12 months.

**FAVOURITE PLAYER IN YOUR POSITION:**

Ian Rush.

**THE LIVELIEST PLAYER YOU HAVE MET IN FOOTBALL:**

Adrian Thorpe — there's never a dull moment when he's around.

**DETAILS OF YOUR LEAGUE DEBUT:**

My first taste of League football was as a substitute against Wigan at Meadow Lane in February 1985 and my first full appearance was in a 3-0 defeat at Bristol City 13 months later.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:**

It has to be our trip to Reading last season when we won 3-1 and I scored a hat trick. That was a dream come true.

**YOUR WORST MOMENT ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD:**

I cannot recall who we were playing but I made a complete idiot of myself in a Reserves match. "Charlie" McParland drew the goalkeeper before passing to me and from 10 yards out with an open goal, I managed to dribble the ball wide of the post!



**FUNNIEST INCIDENT YOU HAVE SEEN ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD:**

Craig Jackson discovering pain takes some beating. It was while playing for Reserves and he went down with cramp. Judging by his reaction, you would have thought he was dying and I must admit that he didn't get too much sympathy from us.

**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT:**

Corfu — I've had a couple of smashing holidays there.

**BEST PAL IN FOOTBALL:**

None in particular but I hope I have many.

**FAVOURITE SPORTS COMMENTATOR:**

Sid Widell — he almost makes darts seem interesting!

**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER FOR SPORT:**

I regularly buy The Sun and The Mirror.

**BEST AND WORST DRESSERS AT MEADOW LANE:**

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# In the Community

BY ALAN YOUNG

Welcome along everyone including all the supporters who have travelled down from Bolton. Today's article will be a bit smaller owing to the photograph of the Junior Magpies Coaching Week. I thought you might like to see an example of what we will be getting up to.

In the photograph, five young hopefuls are put through their paces by yours truly. We are actually trying to chip the ball but after the cameraman was hit on the head three times, we changed the practice. The photo also reveals that we don't discriminate against supporters of other teams, as the "CANDY" logo shows. Anyone can join in. The fact that the lad with the LIVERPOOL shirt on is my son, Jordan, has nothing to do with it!! Honest!!

Anyway we have four "trainees" on the go now and all of them will be doing things similar to those in the photograph very soon. Enjoy the game and see you in a couple of weeks.



Look out for details of future coaching week for budding footballers.

## THE FAMILY GAME

More and more clubs are providing modern facilities to enable families to watch and enjoy our national game in safety and comfort.

Family stands and enclosures are a common feature of League grounds and form part of a major programme to improve football stadia throughout the United Kingdom. This season will see further projects including new and better toilet facilities, especially for female fans, the provision of seating in existing covered areas and improved accommodation for supporters with disabilities.

The Football Grounds Improvement Trust is responsible for all these measures. Each year it receives half of the £9.5 million donated by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers from their Spotting-the-Ball competition and spends it on schemes to improve standards at League grounds in Britain.





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## **SUPPORT FOR I.D. CARDS CONTINUES TO FALL**

The results of the latest opinion poll into football identity cards were announced last week and they show that support for the Government's proposals continues to fall. The poll, conducted by the Millward Brown market research organisation, indicates that only 46% now feel that I.D. cards will help to defeat football-related violence, compared with 80% when the Football Spectators Bill was first unveiled, last year.

An I.C.M. poll commissioned by the Guardian revealed that support for the scheme had dwindled to 52% by March. This further reduction is undoubtedly a blow to those advocating I.D. cards. Clearly, football's message that the Bill does not address the real problem is getting across — at least to those with open minds!

The most disturbing finding by Millward Brown, however, was that 40% of those currently attending football matches would be put off by I.D. cards.

## **BARCLAYS LEAGUE CLUB DIRECTORY UNVEILED**

The 1990 Barclay League Club Directory was launched last week. A Daily Mail publication, the Directory is edited by Tony Williams and has a cover price of £9.95.

The book has 672 pages and contains this season's ('89-'90), team squad photographs, together with comprehensive details on each club and every player in the Barclays League. Also featured in the book are the 'Good News Awards' which are designed to recognise those who have given the game some good news during the last 12 months. Amongst those named this year are Liverpool's mercurial winger, John Barnes, resurgent Wolves' manager, Graham Turner, and the Manchester City fans for introducing a smile to the terraces with their giant bananas. Congratulations to these and all the other 'Good News' winners.

## **BRENTFORD TO STAGE EUROPEAN TIE**

Third Division Brentford will be hosting European action on Sunday, 1st October, when the England Women's team take on their Finnish counterparts in a U.E.F.A. Competition qualifying match.

The game, which kicks off at 2.00 p.m., will be the third meeting between the two countries. England have previously won once and drawn against their Scandinavian opponents.

## **THE BIGGER, THE BETTER**

Middlesbrough Football Club may be famous for many things but it came as something of a shock to their fans to hear that the roof of the North stand at Ayresome Park had been officially recognised as the world's largest advertising hoarding!

The 284 x 82ft structure, adorned with the 11ft high name of sponsors, Heritage Hampers, had made the pages of this year's Guinness Book of Records!

## **REDS HIT CLOUD NINE TO TAKE 'PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK'**

Liverpool's mid-week demolition of Crystal Palace has earned the Anfield outfit the Barclays League 'Performance of the Week Award'. The 9-0 scoreline was the Reds' highest League win for 11 years.

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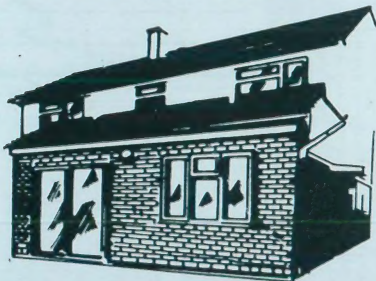
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Aug 19	Leyton Orient	1-0	5,364	Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Fairclough	Yates	Robinson	Draper	O'Riordan	Lund	Stant	Turner	McStay	Johnson											
Aug 22	Shrewsbury (Lds Cup)	0-3	2,848	Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Fairclough	Yates	Robinson	Draper	O'Riordan	Lund	Stant	Turner	McStay	Johnson											
Aug 26	Blackpool	0-1	4,852	Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Short	Yates	Robinson	Draper	O'Riordan	Lund	Stant	Turner	McStay	Johnson											
Aug 29	SHREWSBURY (Lds Cup 1)	3-1	2,779	Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Short	Yates	Robinson	Draper	O'Riordan	Lund	Stant	Turner	McStay	Johnson											
Sep 2	Bristol Rovers	2-3	4,753	Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Short	Yates	Robinson	Draper	O'Riordan	Lund	Stant	Turner	McStay	Johnson											
Sep 9	READING	0-0	4,697	Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Short	Yates	Robinson	Draper	O'Riordan	Lund	Stant	Turner	McStay	Johnson											
Sep 15	Cheshire City	3-3		Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Turner	Yates	Short	Draper	Lund	Chapman	Kavan	Johnson	Lund	McStay											
Sep 23	ROTHERHAM UTD	2-0	5,891	Cherry	Palmer	Platnauer	Short	Yates	Robinson	Draper	Turner	Lund	Chapman	Johnson	McStay	Stant											
Sep 26	BOLTON WANDERERS	H																									
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Dec 9	FA Cup 2																										
Dec 16	Cardiff City	A																									
Dec 26	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A																									
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Mar 19	Tranmere Rovers	A																									
Mar 24	BRISTOL CITY	A																									
Mar 31	Preston North End	A																									
Apr 7	Brentford (FA Semi)	A																									
Apr 10	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A																									
Apr 14	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A																									
Apr 16	Shrewsbury town	A																									
Apr 21	CARDIFF CITY	A																									
Apr 24	Birmingham City	A																									
Apr 28	Wigan Athletic	A																									
May 5	MANSFIELD TOWN	A																									
May 12	FA Cup Final																										

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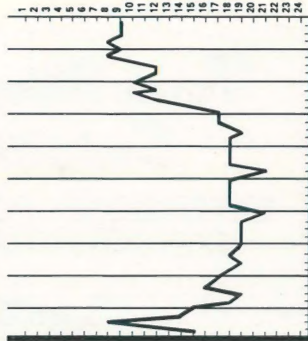
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